

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

Tuesday, December 2, 2008

Rec&Ed Offices  
1530 Eisenhower Place  
Ann Arbor, MI 48108

Members Present: Tim Berla, Sheila Calhoun, Tom George, Colleen Greene, Paula Greeno, Joanne Kimata, Sequoyah King, David Korman, Shannon Kos, Nate Nemon, Jon Strite, Betty Wier

Ex-Officio Members Present: Sara Aeschbach, Larry Dishman, Glenn Nelson, Colin Smith

Visitors: none

Call to Order: Sara Aeschbach called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm, in anticipation of the arrival of Chairperson Greeno and Vice Chairperson David Korman.

Approval of Minutes: Shannon Kos moved to accept the minutes of November 4, 2008 as corrected by Joanne Kimata. Tim Berla seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Public Commentary: none

Old Business

- A. Adding new playing fields – No new information on fields was presented.

New Business

- A. Rec&Ed Budget Report – The audited 2008-09 Rec&Ed budget was distributed, along with participant figures by program reflecting a 10-year history. While the Rec&Ed budget reflects an overall deficit of approximately \$135,000 for the fiscal year, the department paid approximately \$144,000 for office rental. It was anticipated that the office rental expense would not be covered by the annual operating budget. It is a temporary expense that will end when the department offices are moved into school facilities. Department overhead costs were spread over the program expenditures based on available funding in each program, rather than reflecting a relevant percentage of costs by program. Of greater concern was the child care budget deficit of approximately \$153,000. Contributing factors to that deficit include scholarship use, additional staffing for children with special needs, increasing health care costs, and declining enrollment as parents are laid off or reducing expenses. Three schools have child care programs operated by private non-profit organizations, and the district is in negotiations with them to establish formal lease agreements.
  
- B. Resolution acknowledging Rob Millett for First Lighting Improvements-Larry Dishman proposed a formal resolution recognizing Rob Millett from the City of Ann Arbor for his efforts and success in implementing a computerized field lighting system. After several edits, Paula Greeno moved to approve the

resolution, and Tim Berla seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The resolution will be delivered to PAC by Tim Berla, PAC-RAC liaison.

#### Briefing Agenda

##### A. Items from RAC

1. Report from PAC – Tim Berla reported PAC worked on park naming, reviewed their by-laws, and approved a memorandum of intent between the City and the Skate Park group, which will allow the group to commence fundraising for the project. There was a closed session of PAC to share a letter that the City Attorney planned to send to the Ann Arbor Public Schools regarding unresolved city/school issues. The issues include the use of the Cultural Arts Building, the shared use of the Mack Pool, and the agreement for ball field use. Tim would like to see public involvement in the discussion of these issues, especially if they're not easily resolved by the respective staffs of both the City and Schools.
2. Jon Strite noted that Nate Nemon was to be congratulated for the Huron Water Polo team winning the 2008 Division 1 State Championship. Nate was named "Player of the Year" and 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-State.

B. Items from Parks and Recreation – Colin Smith reported that the City is implementing a new telephone system. He would like to include a connection to Rec&Ed on the phone tree.

C. Items from Community Education and Recreation – Sara Aeschbach reported that all of the nominated RAC members have been officially appointed by their respective entities. On the Schools side, Paula Greeno and Shannon Kos were appointed to second terms, and on the City side, Colleen Greene, Joanne Kimata and Tim Berla were all appointed. The trainings that took place in November included Laps, Snacks, Raps and Naps for child care staff, and diversity training and planning for intra-division coordination for the Rec&Ed staff.

Transmittals: none

Adjournment: Paula Greeno moved to adjourn the meeting and Jon Strite seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned by Paula Greeno at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Drago